

Finding Common Ground to Sustain Fish and Wildlife

Meeting Agenda for October 20, 2015

Greater Yellowstone Coalition, 215 South Wallace, Bozeman

Meeting Objectives

The objectives for the 10-20-15 meeting are as follows:

- 1) Learn what has worked/not worked to establish broad-based sustainable funding in other states. Discuss how these approaches could work/not work in Montana.
- 2) Further participants' knowledge into FWP's budget situation.
- 3) Gain an understanding of the role and importance of fish and wildlife in Montana's economy.
- 4) Offer members of the public multiple opportunities to provide their input.

Time	Topic	Who
9:00	Welcome, introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda review, misc updates (Organizing Document, other)	Director Hagener
9:15	Projected dollar needs to sustain programs at existing levels <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Questions and discussion	Paul Sihler
9:45	Lessons from other states on sustainable funding for F&W <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion about how these ideas could apply in Montana	Charlie Sperry
10:30	Public Comment	Barb Beck
10:45	Break	
11:00	The Role of Fish and Wildlife in Montana's Tourism Economy	Dr. Norma Nickerson
12:00	Lunch (brought in)	
12:30	Public Comment	All
1:00	Screening Criteria and Potential Options/Approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What criteria will help us evaluate possible funding options?• What "types" of options do we want to consider?• What specific funding mechanisms do we want to consider? (revisit earlier brainstorm list, add to list, define these clearly)	All
2:15	Break	
2:30	Public Comment	Barb Beck
3:00	Continue with 1:00 discussion on options/approaches	All
4:45	Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next meeting, meeting topics, presentations• Follow-up items, meeting evaluation	Beck/All
5:00	Adjourn	